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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims 1-10 as follows. Attached is a marked up copy showing changes to the claims.

1. (Amended) A method for removing water from surfaces of substrata, comprising the steps of covering said surface with a composition having a specific weight higher than that of the water and subsequently removing water from the composition by skimming, wherein a composition essentially consisting of the following components is used: